IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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ACIDS OR CARBOXYLIC ACID ISOSTERES

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 31, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants petition for an extension of time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: